

DATA STORAGE MEDIUM AND METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION  
THEREOF

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0062] A data storage medium includes a haze-prevention layer between a heat-resistant thermoplastic substrate and a reflective metal layer. The haze-prevention layer includes a metal having a tensile modulus of at least about  $15 \times 10^6$  pounds per square inch. The data storage medium resists hazing of the reflective layer at elevated temperatures.